



STATE OF ALASKA
Department of Public Safety
MEMORANDUM



To: The File

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Subject: AI 05-04

On January 9, 2006, I wrote a memorandum to Sgt. Ron Wall, seeking clarification and explanation of his findings of "Not Sustained" in reference to the statements of Adrian and Marilyn Lane. The statements in question recounted an incident in which they saw Trp. Wooten drive to their residence in his trooper vehicle, drink a beer and then take a second open beer with him when he drove away in his trooper vehicle.

On January 9, 2006, I received a response memorandum from Sgt. Wall. He explained his reasoning in how he came to his conclusion of "Not Sustained", however I still could not reconcile why the statements of the Lanes' were not found to be credible by him. None of the factors Sgt. Wall cited led me to believe the Lanes had not told the truth, or had any motivation not to tell the truth, even if they could not recall specific details. Additionally, the interviews were not recorded, so I could not review the statement and make a decision on truthfulness from hearing their voices.

I decided to re-interview Adrian and Marilyn Lane and make my own determination of their ability to recall the event sufficiently, and whether they were being truthful.

On January 17th, 2006, I interviewed Adrian and Marilyn Lane independently at my office. Both interviews were recorded and transcribed. I found both individuals to have an appropriate and sufficiently detailed recollection of the incident, considering the time since the event. I also found no reason at all to not judge their recollection to be completely truthful and credible. I questioned them specifically as to their relationship with the Heath family, and whether that long-standing relationship had any influence on the statements they were making or their recollection of the event. Both individuals assured me that was not the case, and I believe them.

Therefore, I conclude that in reference to this allegation, that it has been "Sustained", as to the following violations:

OPM 101.070(A)	Unbecoming Conduct
OPM 101.070 (B)	Personal Conduct
OPM 101.070 (C)	Conformance to Laws
OPM 101.070 (F)(2)	Use of Alcohol

In addition, I find that in reference to this allegation, that a violation of the following is also "Sustained":

OPM 103.030 (A)	Operation to be Prudent and Lawful
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